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of the illustrious dead, that a feeling of contempt and pity for those who exhibit it voluntarily pervades our mind. We cannot but feel, now that he is dead, that

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well; Treason has done his worst; nor steel nor poison, Malice domine, foreign levy—nothing Can touch him further."

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Vt. Central Railroad.

A very large meeting of the Stockholders of the Vermont Central Railroad was held in the Court House to-day. The Court Room was densely crowded. The meeting was called to order by the President, Gov. PAINE, who presented the Annual Report a forenoon printed, informing their readers that Speakers "wrote, if the importance of the crisis" would be present and address the assemblage. Now we should be glad to know what the particular "crisis" is, which compels Daniel Webster and Benjamin F. Hallett to shoulder muskets in the same Company. Away off in Vermont, we can't see the threatening danger. To us, the Country appears to be peaceful and prosperous, (so far as it can be under the Locooco Tariffs and Sub-Treasures of Mr. Benjamin F. Hallett's making) and there is no sign whatever of a "crisis" sufficiently imminent to warrant the "hue and cry" that is raised about it. What is the "crisis"? Will the Boston *Courier*, or *Advertiser*, or some other Massachusetts paper, inform us? If the "crisis" has really come at last, and if the stability of the Union and the Constitution is threatened, we should like to shoulder our musket, — or write a series of resolutions, — to meet and overcome the danger. The people of Vermont would like to know when and how the Union is in danger! They want a chance to help in maintaining it. They will cheerfully fight in the camp, or even under the leadership of Isaac Hopper, Frank Pierce, Benjamin F. Hallett, or the Editor of the Boston Post, to preserve the Union. They "revere" the Constitution. And they would like to be informed what it is that threatens to damage the integrity of that instrument. They have heard of no such class of men. They don't know where to look for enemies of the Constitution? They suppose that all New England is devoted to the Constitution.

Professor BENEDICT thereupon submitted, verbally and in writing, the Report of the Investigating Committee, which was listened to with marked attention by the crowded meeting. Both spoken and written, it was a very clear, straight-forward and able production, marked freely by the learned Professor's customary style of direct and somewhat tart expression. The Report was decidedly approbatory of the conduct and services of Gov. Paine; and the other active and working Officers of the Company, conferred mutual praise upon him and others who under extraordinary embarrassments had carried the great enterprise forward to completion, and bestowed special commendation on the Chief Engineer, Mr. M. Green, and his associates, for the efficient manner in which they encountered and remedied the disasters occasioned by the great flood in July, while, at the same time, it spoke with perfect plainness and freedom of the errors which, in the judgment of the Committee, the Directors had fallen into in the prosecution of the great work. Nobody could have failed to Prof. Benedict without being impressed with the truthfulness and fairness of the Report so presented. He concluded by expressing the entire confidence of the Committee that the business prospects of the Company fully warranted the expectation that a dividend of at least 5 per cent. would be realized before the occurrence of the next annual meeting, and by submitting a series of Resolutions embracing the reformatory action recommended by the Report.

At the conclusion of the Report, Mr. Hopper made some inquiries in regard to the salaries of Officers of the Corporation, which were answered by Professor BENEDICT, and which called up the Hon. Mr. QUINCY, who made an eloquent and effective oration, in the course of which he appropriately referred to his own efficient agency in securing the final completion of the Road, and paid a high compliment to the energy and resolution of Vermonters, who were, he said, the only people who paid their Revolutionary debts. Mr. Quincy expressed, without hesitation, his belief that, in three years from this time, the business of the Vermont Central Road would pay all its Stockholders six per cent on a share, at its nominal value of \$100 — a belief founded on an intelligent and thorough consideration of the immense probable financial resources of the Company, consequent upon the extension of the Vermont & Canada Rail road, and a saving of a direct and easy communication between Ogdensburg and Boston. His speech was warmly cheered in the course, and at the conclusion of his speech.

The election of Directors was postponed till this afternoon, as was also, on motion of Gov. HUMPHREY, the further consideration of the Report and Resolution of the Investigating Committee.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors, on the assembling of the meeting, this afternoon, by a very unanimous vote:

CHARLES PAIN, Northfield.
JAMES R. LANGDON, Montpelier.
CHARLES O. WHITMORE, Boston, Mass.
JOHN C. PUTNAM, " "
JAMES C. DUNN, " "
JOHN SMITH, St. Albans, Vt.
JOHN PECK, Burlington, "

A vote was adopted expressing the thanks of the Stockholders to SAMUEL H. WATKINS, Esq., the former Treasurer, for the energy and fidelity with which he discharged the responsible duties of his office. The Report of the Investigating Committee was by unanimous vote, referred to the Directors, to be disposed of as they should deem proper, and the meeting adjourned.

The New York Tribune publishes the complete Congressional vote of that State, at the recent election, the leading up of which furnishes most gratifying figures to all who Whigs of the Old Empire. The clear aggregate Whig majority over all others is 6,195; showing that although the Opposition have chosen half of their candidates, they stand, in the popular vote, decidedly in the minority.

DEP'T BUR. — The West Chester passenger depot, on the Rutland and Burlington road, was burnt to the ground on Friday night last, supposed to have caught fire from the sparks of a locomotive. The books of the company, with which freight was in the depot, were lost.—*Brainerd Post*, 21st.

Among the items of news received by the Niagara at New York, last week, is the following, which needs confirmation:

Removed Death of Wellington.
The London Morning Herald, of Friday, the 18th, created a great sensation in London, by the following paragraph:

"We have received the following, dated Stamford, Monday; but in giving insertion to it we may remark that we have no confidence in the report, for we believe the venerable Duke to be at that moment at Windsor Castle."

"Intelligence has just arrived at Grandcamp, which, no doubt, is true, that His Grace the Duke of Wellington whilst hunting with the Belvoir hounds, fell at a lime-stone ha-ha and dislocated his collar-bone. The surgeon of the hunt, attempting to reduce the dislocation, met

with a most determined opposition, and his Grace expired in the arms of his brother hunters. The Duke of Rutland, Lords Granby, Forester, and others, bore the hero home to Belvoir Castle, with great grief."

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The call for the great "Union" meeting of those who reverence the Constitution, which came off yesterday in Faneuil Hall, was signalized by some 3,000 of the 15,000 voters of Boston, and among others, by DANIEL WEBSTER, B. J. HARRIS, T. H. Hallett, and Ch. G. Gordon Greene! The Boston papers which advocated this meeting, informed their readers that Speakers "wrote, if the importance of the crisis" would be present and address the assemblage. Now we should be glad to know what the particular "crisis" is, which compels Daniel Webster and Benjamin F. Hallett to shoulder muskets in the same Company. Away off in Vermont, we can't see the threatening danger. To us, the Country appears to be peaceful and prosperous, (so far as it can be under the Locooco Tariffs and Sub-Treasures of Mr. Benjamin F. Hallett's making) and there is no sign whatever of a "crisis" sufficiently imminent to warrant the "hue and cry" that is raised about it. What is the "crisis"? Will the Boston *Courier*, or *Advertiser*, or some other Massachusetts paper, inform us? If the "crisis" has really come at last, and if the stability of the Union and the Constitution is threatened, we should like to shoulder our musket, — or write a series of resolutions, — to meet and overcome the danger. The people of Vermont would like to know when and how the Union is in danger! They want a chance to help in maintaining it. They will cheerfully fight in the camp, or even under the leadership of Isaac Hopper, Frank Pierce, Benjamin F. Hallett, or the Editor of the Boston Post, to preserve the Union. They "revere" the Constitution. And they would like to be informed what it is that threatens to damage the integrity of that instrument. They have heard of no such class of men. They don't know where to look for enemies of the Constitution? They suppose that all New England is devoted to the Constitution.

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